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SUBJ: ECUADOREAN UNIONS PROTEST BOYCOTT THREAT; SUPPORT GOE 200

MILE TERRITORIAL SEA AND REJECTION OF TRA

1. ECUADOREAN UNIONS ACROSS THE BOARD HAVE SUPPORTED THE GOE POSITION IN DEFENSE OF THE CLAIMED 200 MILE TERRITORIAL SEA AND REJECTING 1974 TRA.

2. WITH RESPECT TO THREATENED BOYCOTT OF ECUADOREAN CARGOES BY WEST COAST ILWU, MOST NOTEWORTHY OF REACTIONS WAS THAT OF LUIS VILLACRES' CEOSL #2. ACCORDING TO RELIABLE SOURCES, VILLACRES AND COMMUNIST CTE LEADER JUAN VASQUEZ DRAFTED JOINT COMMUNIQUE AT VILLACRES' HOME CASTIGATING "IMPERIALIST AUDACITY FOR USING NORTH AMERICAN MARITIME WORKERS TO INTIMIDATE ECUADOR." COMMUNIQUE, WHICH ASSERTED TWO ORGANIZATIONS MET WITH FULL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES, RATIFIED DECISION TO FORM A "COMMON FIGHTING FRONT TO REPEL THE VORACITY OF THE GREAT NORTH AMERICAN MONOPOLIES..." STATEMENT CALLED FOR ECUADOREAN WORKERS TO JOIN CEOSL AND CTE IN FORMING AN ANTI-IMPERIALIST FRONT TO STOP THE BELLIGERENT ACTION OF THE MONOPOLIES.

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3. INTERESTING IS FACT THAT PRESS COMMUNIQUE WAS GIVEN

TO GOE INFORMATION SERVICE WHICH IS IN POSITION TO ORDER ITS PUBLICATION AND WHICH APPARENTLY DID SO.

4. IN OTHER PRESS NOTE IN GUAYAQUIL PAPER UNIVERSO MARCH 5, JOSE CHAVEZ' CEOSL #1 PUBLISHED TEXT OF LETTER DIRECTED TO ORIT SECRETARY GENERAL JULIO ETCHEVERRY REQUESTING ADOPTION BY REGIONAL ORGANIZATION OF POSITION OPPOSED TO THREATENED BOYCOTT OF ILWU. LETTER STATES THAT ILWU RESOLUTION COULD PRODUCE A SPLIT IN ORIT IF ORIT DID NOT PRONOUNCE AGAINST IT.

5. COMMENT: VILLACRES' COLLABORATION WITH THE COMMUNISTS IS SURPRISING IF HIS PAST AVOWALS OF OPPOSITION TO THIS IDEOLOGY WERE BELIEVED. THE CHAVEZ STATEMENT WAS ISSUED WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE OF FACT THAT ILWU IS NOT AFL-CIO AFFILIATED AND IS NOT ORIT AFFILIATED. CHAVEZ NOW KNOWS BETTER. CEDOC HAS NOT BEEN PARTY TO ANY JOINT STATEMENTS WITH CTE AND HAS NOT SIGNED RECENT STATEMENTS ON CHILE TO WHICH IT WOULD NORMALLY HAVE BEEN PARTY, PROBABLY REFLECTING CEDOC PRESIDENT FIGUEROA'S RECENT CASTIGATION OF CTE (SEE QUITO 1194).

6. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ON ILWU EFFORTS TO MOUNT BOYCOTT AGAINST ECUADOREAN CARGOES AND GOODS.
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